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Mr. Richard Carlson
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2200 Churchill Road
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received in my office last week. I have some concerns about the contents and implications.

While emotions at Fiat Allis are running high, this letter warrants a thorough investigation. Please keep me abreast of your findings. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Mike Houston
Municipal Building
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Sir,

With the possibility of Fiat Allis closing the plant in the near future, I think that the city of Springfield should be made aware of some health hazards around the facility.

I am unable to reveal my sources or my name, so there can be no implication, but I have some information that is vital to the safety of the public.

With all of the publicity about PCB's, you should know that PCB's regularly leaked on the ground near the electrical substations throughout the plant.

There was Cyanide dumped near the heat treatment facilities, along with other industrial toxins throughout the general area.

I feel that someone in authority should be made aware of these problems, because if the area is ever developed for another use, for example, housing, these toxins could cause some devastating human problems.

Please do not let this go unheeded, for the sake of unsuspecting people. Clean-up can be successfully done to restore the land to safety levels again.

Do not take this as a vengeful or eccentric letter, I have absolutely nothing to gain by revealing this information. What you do with the information I have provided will have to be up to your conscience, I pray that it will be guided in the proper direction.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Human Being

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